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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 8162

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SEATO, TH

SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE NOMINATION FOR SEATO DEPUTY SECGEN

(RACHEL R. CRUZ)

REF: BANGKOK 11173

1. COMMODORE CRUZ UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THIS POST FOR SOME TIME BUT NOMINATION NOT YET ANNOUNCED MANILA. CRUZ (WHO HAS A GOOD BUT UNSPECTACULAR RECORD PRIMARILY IN LOGISTICS WORK) IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO MEMBERS OF THIS MISSION AND IS INTELLIGENT, PERSONABLE AND LOW-KEY. GOP MAY BE NOMINATING A NAVY MAN TO THE POST DUE FEELING THAT NAVAL CO-OPERATION MAY LOOM LARGER IN WHATEVER FUTURE SEATO HAS. PRESIDENT MARCOS ANNOUNCED ON RECENT TRIP TO CHINA THAT GOP SHOULD REEXAMINE SEATO MEMBERSHIP AND WHILE WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE SUDDEN WITHDRAWAL THIS MAY APPEAR TO BE PROPITIOUS TIME FOR A LOW-KEY APPOINTMENT.

2. BIO DATA. CRUZ IS 52 YEARS OLD AND HAS A DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. US EXPERIENCE INCLUDES ATTENDANCE AT US NAVY SCHOOLS IN 1952-3 (GUNNERY, SONAR AND US NAVY GRADUATE SCHOOL MONTERREY), AND AT NAVAL WAR COLLEGE (1969-70). HE WAS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD/AND SUBSEQUENTLY HEAD OF TF31 (NAVAL COMMAND IN

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VISAYAN REGION) BEFORE ASSUMING HIS PRESENT POSITION (DEPUTY,

CHIEF OF STAFF FOR LOGISTICS, PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES) IN
1971. HE IS MARRIED (WIFE NAME ADELITA) AND HAS ONE
DAUGHTER BORN 1960. ADDITIONAL BIO DATA BEING POUCHED
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